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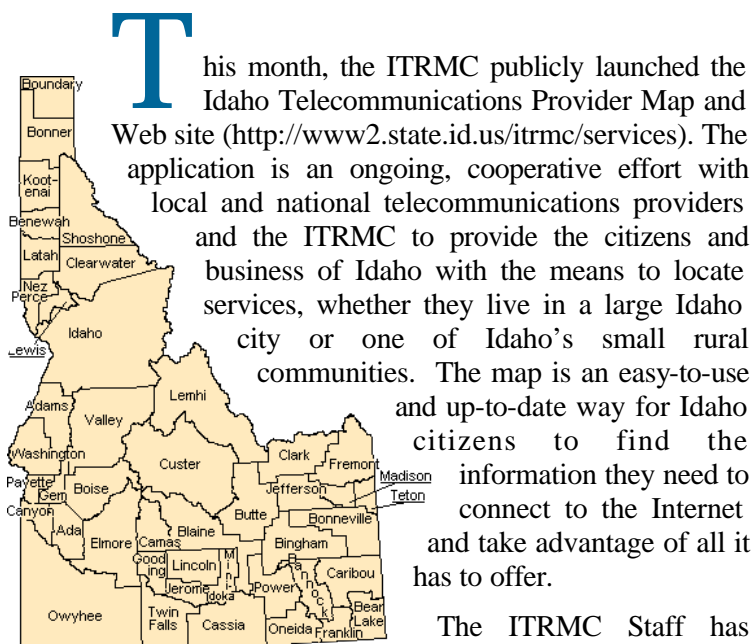
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ITRMC Vision: Assure standardized, effective, and efficient statewide access to information and services.

NEW: Online Telecommunications Provider Database



This month, the ITRMC publicly launched the Idaho Telecommunications Provider Map and Web site (<http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/services>). The application is an ongoing, cooperative effort with local and national telecommunications providers and the ITRMC to provide the citizens and business of Idaho with the means to locate services, whether they live in a large Idaho city or one of Idaho's small rural communities. The map is an easy-to-use and up-to-date way for Idaho citizens to find the information they need to connect to the Internet and take advantage of all it has to offer.

The ITRMC Staff has

been in contact with virtually every provider (Internet, cable, satellite, etc.—large and small) in the State. In a cooperative effort, providers have supplied the information needed to develop this application. In order to keep the information current, vendors have been provided with logon identifications and passwords to access and update the database. (The Web site provides direct access to each of the participating vendors' Web sites.) The Department of Administration and its web development staff have been instrumental in providing the expertise needed to build the application.

In a promotional effort, the ITRMC Staff will be providing information on this Web site to the general public, as well as the Department of Commerce for distribution to businesses and chambers of commerce.

For more information, contact Bill Farnsworth at bfarnsw@adm.state.id.us or (208) 332-1878.

<http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/services>

Agencies Participate in Digital Government Day 2003

The second annual *Digital Government Day* took place on Monday, January 27 in the State Capitol Rotunda. This year's event gave fifteen State and local government entities, as well as Access Idaho, an opportunity to demonstrate and provide interactive, online information, applications, and related activities to Idaho legislators and citizens.

One popular demonstration was that of the Kuna School District's 'paperless classroom.' The concept of the paperless classroom is to provide and demonstrate cost reduction for school districts by using less paper and copies in the classroom; to perform more work using technology available to the classroom; and to offer

teachers more hands-on time with students. Work includes, among other things, online test-taking and worksheets, development of presentations and web pages, electronic book reports, and use of the world wide web.

Generous support for Digital Government Day in the form of telecommunications cabling provided by Intermountain Technology Group (ITG) of Boise contributed greatly to the success of this valuable program.

For a listing of all participants, along with booth descriptions, please visit the ITRMC Web site at: http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/events/digitalgovtday/DGD03_BoothSheet.pdf.



Kuna School Dist. students complete schoolwork using electronic devices at *Digital Government Day*.

Council Update: December 11, 2002, Meeting*

- **Keith Johnson**, State Controller, was introduced as the newest member of the ITRMC.
- **Mike Seifrit** presented a demonstration of the **Dept. of Juvenile Corrections** ' Juvenile Offender Tracking System.
- **Senator Hal Bunderson** briefed the Council on the **Legislative Interim Committee on Electronic Commerce**.
- **Revisions to several ITRMC IT Enterprise Standards and one ITRMC IT Enterprise Guideline** were **approved****.
- The ITRMC's first **request for exemption**—from the **Department of Commerce**—was considered.
- **Consensus was reached** on recommendations for **Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) new member approval**; **Liza Fox**, Idaho Transportation Dept., gave an **update on IGC activities**.
- **Major Dave Rich**, Idaho State Police, presented on the **Public Safety Statewide Trunked Radio System Subcommittee** and **Idaho Criminal Justice Information Integration Task Force**.
- Ada County Sheriff **Vaughn Killeen** briefed the Council on **proposed revisions to the Emergency Communications Act**.
- **Steve Wilson**, State Tax Commission, provided an update on and recommendations for the **Enterprise EMail Service Work Group**.
- **Keith Johnson** updated the group on the **Secure Access to Applications and Data (SATAD) Work Group**.

*Full copies of approved ITRMC minutes available on-line: <http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/council/minutes.htm>

**For more information go to: <http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/>

Committee / Work Group Activities

Access Idaho Steering Committee (*Chairman: Bill Farnsworth, ITRMC Staff*)

Recent approvals by this group are as follows: addendums to the Board of Medicine and Division of Building Safety Service Level Agreements (SLA's); and SLA's for the Board of Nursing and Division of Professional-Technical Education. The group recently welcomed Jeff Walker as the new Portal manager.

Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) (*Chairman: Jonathan Perry, Bureau of Disaster Services*)

The first annual elections for State agency representation were held in December. New members include: Bart Butterfield, Dept. of Fish and Game; Dr. Charles Bolles, Idaho state Library; and Dr. Nancy Glenn, Idaho State University. Jonathan Perry, Bureau of Disaster Services, was selected by ITRMC Chairman Pam Ahrens as Chair of the group.

Enterprise Shared E-Mail Service Work Group (*Chairman: Steve Wilson, Idaho State Tax Commission*)

As a result of research performed, this group recommended the State not move forward with an enterprise e-mail system at this time, but that the hosted e-mail services model should be pursued (some large agencies offered to host e-mail for smaller agencies for a modest monthly fee). The group would continue to meet, and was directed to compile accurate cost-savings data for conversion.

Idaho Criminal Justice Information Integration Task Force (*Chairman Major Dave Rich, Idaho State Police*)

Several Task Force recommendations were presented to the Council at its December meeting: 1) Create a governance structure to guide integration efforts; 2) Expand mission of existing Task Force to include development of a strategic plan; 3) Ensure membership represents all components of criminal justice community, state and local; 4) Request an executive order and a legislative concurrent resolution endorsing the strategic planning project; and 5) Seek federal grant funding to support task force activities and project expenses.

Public Safety, Emergency Communication Committee (*Chairman: Major General John Kane, Military Division*)

Statewide Trunked Radio System Subcommittee:

At the December ITRMC meeting, *Chairman Major Dave Rich, Idaho State Police*, presented a recommendation to 1) consider the establishment of a State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC); and 2) secure the services of a consulting firm to develop and implement a statewide public safety trunked radio system.

E911 Systems Subcommittee:

In an effort to enhance 911 coverage across the State—especially in rural areas—*Chairman Vaughn Killeen, Ada County Sheriff*, presented proposed changes to the Emergency Communications Act at the December ITRMC meeting. Another discussion on this proposed legislation would be introduced at the February 2003, ITRMC meeting.

Secure Access to Applications and Data (SATAD) Work Group (*Chairman: Keith Johnson, State Controller*)

Members of the SATAD procurement team have completed technical evaluation of request for proposal responses received. Demonstrations by the three finalists have been scheduled.

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Please Note: All area codes are "208"

Year 2003 ITRMC Meeting Dates

★ Next Meeting ★

Wed., April 16 (tentative)

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

East Conference Room,
J.R. Williams Bldg.,
700 West State, Boise

**All subsequent
meetings will be held
on Wednesdays,**

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

(unless otherwise noted)

**June 18, August 20,
October 29* (tentative),
December 17**

*Digital Govt. 'Boot Camp'

serves as regular meeting:

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Boise
Centre on the Grove**

Note: All meetings are
subject to change.
Please check our Web site
for an update—
<http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc>

Major ITRMC Accomplishments for 2002



- Coordinated training meeting for State Webmasters on accessibility issues, as well as organized regular meetings of the group
- Redesigned and updated the ITRMC home page, including navigation
- Applied for and received a \$15,000 grant for planning & development from U.S. Geological Survey
- Provided oversight for the creation of an online Telecommunications Provider Map
- Formed the Idaho Criminal Justice Information Integration Task Force
- Coordinated the development of a State Employee Portal
- Developed thirteen and revised seventeen ITRMC IT Policies, Enterprise Standards, and Guidelines
- Continued oversight of accessidaho.org
- Successfully planned and held the first annual Digital Government Day
- Successfully planned and conducted the third annual Digital Government "Boot Camp" for Idaho Policy Makers, including ITRMC IT Achievement Awards program
- Continued oversight of ITTP (Employee Information Technology Training Program)
- Supported the IDANET Initiative
- INSIDE (Interactive Numeric Spatial Information Data Engine) Idaho selected as official Statewide geospatial data clearinghouse
- Provided support for ITRMC Standing Committees and Task Force Work Groups
- Supported, served on, provided input to, and gathered input from various committees & groups
- Provided subject matter expertise and other support to the Governor's 2020 "Blue Ribbon" Task Force

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Featured Agency Application

Electronic W2 Download for State of Idaho Employees

State of Idaho employees were the first governmental employees in the nation with the ability to receive an electronic version of their W-2 information that could be imported into TurboTax for the 2001 tax-filing season. By June 2002, 715 state employees had capitalized on this time saving e-government feature provided by the Idaho State Controller's Office.

Seizing a unique public/private opportunity to further enhance Idaho's e-government, **the State Controller's Office developed a pilot project with Intuit Inc.** The project provided discounted Turbo Tax software and enabled Idaho State employees to import their W-2 information directly into the TurboTax software for electronic income tax filing.

Benefits of this pilot will continue as tax software vendors join the State of Idaho and more employees file electronic tax returns. Employees using this have:

- ♦ Instant W-2 information, no waiting for mailed forms.
- ♦ Automatic import of W-2 data will significantly cut tax preparation time and eliminates manual data entry errors.

In addition to the pilot project for 2001 tax filing season, Intuit Inc. offered the first 35,000 Idaho citizens a free State of Idaho edition of TurboTax for the web. Also, all taxpayers who filed electronically, regardless of what software they used, received a \$2 credit on their Idaho State Tax Return. This has been another step towards our mission to offer self-service for the employees of the State of Idaho.

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